

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 18, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the Benton Consolidated High School Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel and Marci Glover. Board member absent: Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Justin Groves, Gavin Suver, Lindsey Moore, Ron Winemiller, and Andy Sloan, Faculty Members; Jim Giacone, Parent; and Pepsi Representatives.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:15 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:07 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Board Member absent: Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Justin Groves, Gavin Suver, Lindsey Moore, Ron Winemiller, and Andy Sloan, Faculty Members; Jim Giacone, Casey McCommons, Brad Wilson, April Minor, Elizabeth and Rex Roberts, Parents.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes:

(a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2021

(b) Executive Board Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2021

5.2 Approve Financial Report (January 2021)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (January 2021)

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor –yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson thanked the students, parents, teachers, administrators, and board of education for the work that has been done to continue “in-person” instruction for our students in some form, since August 12, 2020.

Mr. Johnson also gave an update on building projects.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Jim Giacone, encouraged the Board to open up attendance at extra-curricular events.

April Minor, expressed her concern with face masks and questioned the possibility of spring events.

Elizabeth Roberts, expressed her disappointment with the viewing options for extra-curricular events and offered to organize prom.

Casey McCommons, expressed his support for the cheerleaders, dance team, pep band and pep club to be able to attend athletic events.

Justin Groves commented that he just wants the kids to be able to play their sport and that the guidelines from the IHSA/IDPH are changing daily.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to assign Joey Clinton as the webmaster for the 2020-21 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Molly Uhles as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Stacia Sloan as an assistant girls' track coach for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Andrew Kash as a volunteer football coach for the 2020-21 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Macy Wilson as a volunteer colorguard coach for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Beverage Contract

9.3 Review/Approve The Women's Center, Inc. Network Agreement Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Women's Center, Inc. Network Agreement as presented with the addition of criminal background language per advisement by Attorney Giacone. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.4 Review/Approve NFHS/Playon! Sports Agreement Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the NFHS/Playon! Sports Agreement as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.5 Review/Approve Guidelines for Attendance at BCHS Events

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Robin LaBuwi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY